



# Department of Pesticide Regulation



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TO: County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: CHANGES IN PESTICIDE USE REPORTING FOR FIELD FUMIGANT APPLICATIONS

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## Background

Beginning in January 2008, new regulations go into effect designed to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions associated with fumigant applications. The goal is to reduce smog-producing gases emitted from pesticide applications in the five nonattainment areas in California. To help the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) track VOC emissions, new pesticide use reporting requirements have been enacted.

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## New pesticide use requirements

In the five nonattainment areas (see attached list organized by county), growers and pest control businesses applying soil fumigants are required to send a copy of their pesticide use reports to DPR, in addition to filing their use reports with the county. A four-digit code (see attached list of field fumigation method codes) must be written on the top of the pesticide use report delivered to DPR.

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## What the counties need to do

If your county is in a nonattainment area:

- There is no change in the data entry process in 2008.
  - During the 2008 permit season, the attached lists and informational handout ("Changes in Pesticide Use Reporting for Field Fumigant Applications in California") should be provided to growers and pest control businesses planning to apply soil fumigants. (You will receive copies of this information in the mail for your use.)
  - By January 1, 2009, databases will be updated to accept the four-digit code for soil fumigant applications. (A separate letter describing the details of pesticide use reporting in 2009 will be issued in August/September 2008.)
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Sincerely,

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Attachments:

[County/MTRS Combinations Located in the Nonattainment Areas](#) (PDF, 29 kb)

[List of Field Fumigation Method Codes](#) (PDF, 19 kb)

[Changes in Pesticide Use Reporting for Field Fumigant Applications \(2-page handout\)](#) (PDF, 120)

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